

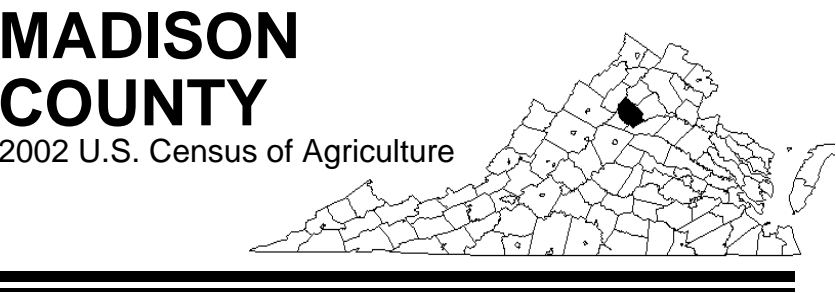
Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	295
Other	236
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	470
Female	61
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	679
Black or African American	38
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	13
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for “cropland pasture” and “other pasture” are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than ½ of the unit shown. See “Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series” for complete footnotes.

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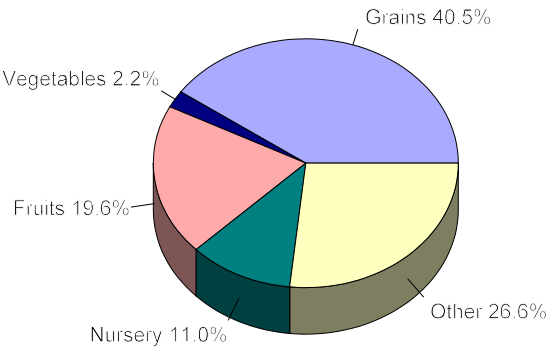
Madison County is situated in the upper Piedmont Plateau and is bordered on the west by the Blue Ridge Mountains. Formed in 1793 from part of Culpeper, the county was named in honor of James Madison.

The county’s topography ranges from rolling lowlands to hilly foothills to the ridges and rugged peaks of the Blue Ridge. Altitudes vary from 500 feet above sea level along the rivers to 4,000 feet in the mountains. The county has a large number of small rivers and creeks and boasts 120,511 acres of woodland. Temperatures for the area average 34 degrees in January and 75 in July. The frost-free growing season is roughly 170 days, usually extending between about April 25 and October 12. Annual precipitation averages 35 inches, with the heaviest rains falling in June, July, and August.

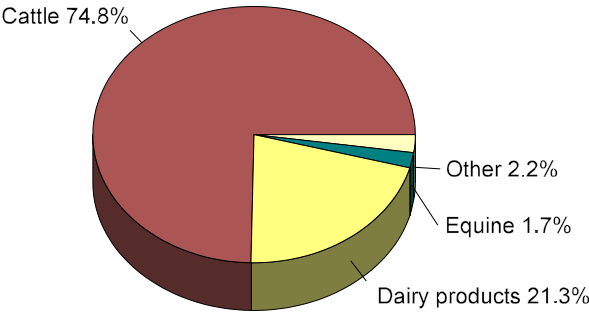
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	531	511
Land in Farms (acres)	102,874	105,218
Average size of farm	194	206
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$18,030,000	\$17,201,000
Average per farm	\$33,954	\$33,661
Government Payments	\$749,000	\$348,000

CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,340	33	95	1,693	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	74	62	95	1,864	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	650	15	93	455	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	364	53	95	1,563	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	76	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	881	21	97	1,371	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5	61	94	2,201	2,918
Cattle and calves	10,991	14	97	925	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,134	21	83	815	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	49	28	93	1,290	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	256	27	94	868	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	6	50	87	2,006	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	30,093	18	97	1,056	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	22	87	(D)	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,011	27	97	1,272	3,065
Sheep and lambs	793	25	93	1,138	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	528	49	96	1,866	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,293	27	97	1,088	3,059
Corn for grain	4,387	29	96	1,325	2,592
Soybeans	2,875	39	79	1,306	2,076
Corn for silage	1,947	17	87	771	2,307
All Wheat for grain	706	45	87	1,668	2,517

FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
	Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-					
1940	1,202	136,042	38	35,584	2,140	49,051	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,405	147,553	45	40,519	242	20,155	42,796	NA	38,317
1950	1,149	141,897	80	32,361	5,995	10,988	38,655	NA	44,157
1954	1,068	132,524	80	32,240	4,088	6,892	40,049	NA	45,222
1959	757	129,697	111	30,444	4,674	7,158	39,825	NA	43,788
1964	625	117,335	167	29,008	3,219	6,569	29,053	5,227	18,098
1969	494	109,794	273	27,509	3,348	20,096	21,990	7,274	17,846
1974 4/	402	107,678	597	28,681	2,488	22,318	20,705	8,675	17,503
1978	418	111,768	879	30,766	2,301	21,517	20,328	8,972	23,651
1982	462	109,589	1,212	32,702	1,000	19,258	20,523	9,542	22,983
1987	441	106,419	1,490	28,292	3,809	24,664	15,836	7,689	22,998
1992	439	100,602	1,925	28,844	1,793	20,517	18,446	6,322	21,886
1997 2/	511	105,218	2,451	31,649	3,358	22,217	19,413	5,085	19,699
2002	531	102,874	3,098	29,095	2,348	16,417	24,311	4,299	22,632

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